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Keiichirou KAI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1623  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2007, Applicants submit herewith the following Amendment and Reply. Also submitted herewith is a One-Month Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period for response from March 4, 2008 to April 4, 2008.